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2. In accordance with rule 114 of the Madras Assembly Rules, I transmit a copy of the Madras Requisitioning and Acquisition of Immovable Property Bill, 1956 (L.A. Bill No. 35 of 1956), as passed by the Assembly on the 20th December 1956 and signed by me, for the concurrence of the Council; and

3. In accordance with rule 114 of the Madras Assembly Rules, I transmit a copy of the Madras Inams (Assessment) Bill, 1956 (L.A. Bill No. 36 of 1956), as passed by the Legislative Assembly on the 20th December 1956 and signed by me for the recommendation of the Council.

I certify that this is a Money Bill within the meaning of Article 199 of the Constitution of India."

(3) ELECTION OF ONE MEMBER TO THE STATE LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

MR. CHAIRMAN : I have also to announce to the House that Sri John Asirvatham, M.L.C., is the only candidate duly nominated for election to the State Library Committee. As the number of candidates nominated is equal to the number of vacancies to be filled, namely, one, I hereby declare him duly elected to the State Library Committee.

(4) BILLS ASSENTED TO BY THE PRESIDENT.

MR. CHAIRMAN : I have further to announce to the House that the Madras Estates Land (Reduction of Rent) Amendment Bill, 1956 (L.A. Bill No. 26 of 1956) and the Madras Estates (Supplementary) Bill, 1956 (L.A. Bill No. 32 of 1956), which were passed by the Madras Legislature on the 25th October 1956 received the assent of the President on the 10th December 1956 and have been published as Acts Nos. XXIX and XXX of 1956 in Part IV-B of the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated the 19th December 1956.

III.—GOVERNMENT RESOLUTION *RE* RAISING THE STRENGTH OF THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TO 63.

* THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Sir, I move—

2-40 p.m. "This House recommends to the Government of India that the strength of the Madras Legislative Council be raised to 63 and that the numbers to be filled by persons elected by the electorates referred to in sub-clauses (*a*), (*b*), (*c*), (*d*) and (*e*) of clause 3 of Article 171 of the Constitution shall be 21, 6, 6, 21 and 9 respectively."

I do hope that this motion will be accepted unanimously by this House. Several hon. Members have been referring to the need for increasing the strength of this House. As hon. Members are aware, before reorganization of States and before the Constitution (Amendment) Act was passed, the strength of the Upper House could not exceed 25 per cent of the total strength of the Lower House. The strength of the Lower House after reorganization of States is to be 205 and, therefore, according to the old provision,